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For:	EXERCISE DEVICE WITH CENTRALLY MOUNTED RESISTANCE ROD AND AUTOMATIC WEIGHT SELECTOR APPARATUS)	
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Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided:

German Patent No. DE 2810632 C3 discloses the following exercise device:

1. Exercise device comprising a frame having an adjustable seat arranged thereon and a pedal apparatus equipped with two pedals, characterized in that the pedals (16) of said pedal apparatus (3) are each attached to rods (15), which rods (15) are displaceably arranged within tubes (17) axially fixed on said frame (1) and are coupled to one another via a tensile device (18) attached at their rear ends and in that arranged inside said tubes (17) are braking apparatus (21), the braking force of which is greater when said rods (15) are pulled out than when they are driven in.
2. Exercise device in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that said braking apparatus (21) are each formed in that arranged on the rear ends of said rods (15) are two braking members (26, 27) that are provided with wedge surfaces that face one another and that have an approximately semi-circular cross-section and acting on their wider ends facing away from one another are springs (29, 30) whose ends that face away from said braking members (26, 27) are supported on counter bearings (22, 23) attached to said rod (15).
3. Exercise device in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that said counterbearings (22, 23) are embodied as threaded sleeves provided with a female thread and in that screwed into said threaded sleeves are tubes (24, 25) with stops (31) that both limit the axial displaceability

of said braking members (26, 27) and that also create a driving connection for simultaneously rotating said braking members (26, 27) and said tubes (24, 25).

4. Exercise device in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that the pre-stress of said one braking member (26) can be changed by screwing said tube (25) into said counterbearing (23) embodied as a threaded sleeve.
5. Exercise device in accordance with any of the foregoing claims, characterized in that the angle of inclination of said wedge surfaces provided on said braking members (26, 27) to said rod (15) is approximately 10° .
6. Exercise device in accordance with any of the foregoing claims, characterized in that each of said wedge surfaces, which face one another, of said two braking members (26, 27) is provided with a flat recess and a plate (28) arranged therein that is made of a material with good slide properties.
7. Exercise device in accordance with any of the foregoing claims, characterized in that said tubes (17) and said rods (15) of said pedal apparatus (3) in their basic position run approximately horizontal and in that the front ends of said rods (15) are supported via telescoping supports (19) that are attached to a front bar (4) of said frame (1).
8. Exercise device in accordance with any of the foregoing claims, characterized in that attached to said front bar (4) of said frame (1) is a column (9) that extends upward to which a linkage (11) provided with handles (10) is displaceably and pivotably securely clamped.
9. Exercise device in accordance with claim 8, characterized in that said linkage (11) comprises a tube (17) and a rod (15) provided with said two handles (10), said rod (15) being arranged longitudinally displaceable within said tube (17) and being equipped with a braking apparatus (21).
10. Exercise device in accordance with any of the foregoing claims, characterized in that said tensile device (18) is a Bowden cable attached to each of the rear ends of said rods (15).
11. Exercise device in accordance with any of the foregoing claims, characterized in that said front bar (4) of said frame (1) is connected to said rear bar (4) via a center rail (5), which center rail (5) is attached within receiving sleeves (6) attached to said bars (4).
12. Exercise device in accordance with any of the foregoing claims, characterized in that one of said bars (4) is equipped with wheels (8).

13. Exercise device in accordance with any of the foregoing claims, characterized in that said seat (2) is longitudinally displaceable on and can be securely clamped in any position on said center rail (5).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the required references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

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